# **Market Opener**

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### **Markets**

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) NZX 50	<b>5695</b> 7830	<b>-51</b> -40	<b>-0.9</b> -0.5
DJIA Futures	21727	-6	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2429	-1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	5798	-2	0.0

### **Local Markets Commentary**

Friday Australian market trade will be largely pushed and pulled by negative international equities sentiment, mixed overnight commodity price leads, and domestic corporate results.

In overnight commodities trade, **gold** picked up the pace in a second consecutive positive session. Oil turned to settle higher. LME copper flipped and fell. Iron ore (China port 62% Fe) swung higher and rallied.

The **\$A** dropped below US78.90c after trading at ~US79.30c early yesterday evening.

Regionally today, China's July property prices are anticipated 11.0am AEST.

#### **Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	21751	-274	-1.2
S&P 500	2430	-38	-1.5
NASDAQ	6222	-123	-1.9
FTSE 100	7388	-45	-0.6
DAX 30	12203	-60	-0.5
Shanghai Comp	3268	22	0.7

### **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets fell on or near opening overnight, amid: disappointing reports and data; central bank musings; currency swings; abundant commentary regarding US administration wherewithal to support domestic and international growth; and a deadly civilian attack in a western Europe tourist precinct.

First up, European Central Bank (ECB) July policy meeting minutes revealed concern at euro strength over the past few months, pushing the euro lower in overnight trade.

Meanwhile, a final July CPI reading for the euro **zone** added to policy complications, coming in at a 0.5% pull back for the month and 1.3% annual rise.

Across in the **UK**, July retail sales were reported just 0.3% higher for the month and 1.3% higher year-

In the **US**, July industrial production rose 0.2% following a 0.4% improvement in Manufacturing output slipped 0.1% after a 0.2% June rise.

The Philadelphia Fed business index fell 0.6 to 18.9, although a 1.5-point fall had been anticipated.

Weekly new unemployment claims fell by 12,000 influenced by summer holiday season.

In Barcelona, **Spain**, a rogue vehicle drove through pedestrians.

China – July property prices 11.30am AEST

# Today's Stock Watch

#### Telstra Corporation (TLS) / Corporation News (NWS)

TLS and NWS propose to merge Foxtel and Fox SPORTS Australia in a new company held 65% by NWS and 35% by TLS. Targeting completion by mid-2018.

## **Primary Healthcare (PRY)**

\$516.8M full-year net loss, following a \$74.9M net profit a year ago. 1% higher, \$1.66B revenue. \$587M worth of write-downs. 5.8c fully franked final dividend, against 6.4c. \$95.5M cash. Positive long-term outlook.

# Spark Infrastructure (SPK)

13% higher, \$NZ418M full-year NPAT. 3.3% higher, \$NZ3.6B revenue. NZ11c final and NZ1.5c special dividend, respectively fully- and 75%-franked (in NZ only). NZ22.8c EPS.

SPK chairman Mark Verbiest will retire from the SPK board before year's end.

SPK director Justine Smyth has been appointed as Mr Verbiest's successor.

# Abacus Property Group (ABP)

53% higher, \$285.1M full-year NPAT. 17% higher, \$463.4M revenue. 8.75c previously-declared final distribution. Targeting 3% FY 2018 distribution NTA. Positive outlook. growth.

#### Link Administration Holdings (LNK)

101.2% higher, \$84.6M full-year NPAT. 0.5% higher, \$779.98M revenue. 8c fully franked final dividend, against 8c 18.7%franked a year ago. 22.6c EPS. Webcast teleconference commencing 10am AEST.

# Sydney Airport (SYD)

3.6% overall passenger growth for the year to 30 June, 7.6% international and 1.4% domestic.

# Vita Group (VTG)

11.4% higher, \$39.4M full-year NPAT. 4.6% lower, \$674.6M revenue. 7.4c fully franked final dividend, against 8.21c a year ago. Paid a 9.2c interim dividend against 5.76c, helping push FY 2017 total dividends 19% higher. 25.88c EPS. \$29.7M cash.

# **Integrated Research (IRI)**

16% higher, \$18.5M full-year NPAT. 8% higher, \$91.2M revenue. 3.5c fully franked final dividend, against 3.5c, 60%franked a year ago. 16.76c NTA.

### WiseTech Global (WTC)

Proposing to purchase 100% of German shipping sector software specialist Softship. WTC holds 76.97%, having previously outlaid a total €14.3M, and is now offering €10 each for the balance 432,221 shares.

# Ansell Ltd ( ANN)

Trading ex-dividend (~30.22c) today.

# Resources

## **BHP Billiton (BHP)**

Proposing to outlay ~\$US2.5B to extend the mine life of the Chile Spence copper open cut operation by 50 years.



**Tonight** in the US, a University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading is expected.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include Deere, Foot Locker and Lenovo.

In overnight corporate news, **Cisco Systems**, which had reported post-US trade Wednesday, led tech sector sentiment lower.

**Walmart**'s quarterly profit slipped, but revenue rose, containing a stock price slip to ~1.5%.

Earlier, **Alibaba**'s quarterly report exceeded expectations.

### **Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1292	oz	8	0.7
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.0	OZ	0.1	0.5
Gold (LON)	1285	OZ	12	1.0
Platinum	973	OZ	-3	-0.3
WTI Crude (Sep)	47.1	bbl	0.3	0.7
Brent Crude (Aug)	51.0	bbl	0.8	1.5
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	75.4	t	2.4	3.3
Copper	6490	t	-42	-0.6
Nickel	10725	t	-35	-0.3
Aluminium	2076	t	-18	-0.9
Lead	2414	t	-103	-4.1
Zinc	3062	t	-57	-1.8
Tin	20200	t	175	0.9
CBT Wheat (Sep)	4.14	bshl	-0.05	-1.2

## **Commodities Commentary**

**Oil** – a Genscape report estimating a 1MMbbl weekly drawdown on crude stocks at the major Cushing, Oklahoma delivery centre was cited as oil prices turned higher overnight.

Meanwhile, China reported a fire at a large PetroChina refinery in the country's north-east.

A US weekly petroleum count is due tonight.

**Gold** – the euro fell, and major US equities markets declined, favouring select gold trade.

European Central Bank policy meeting minutes, like those for the US Federal Reserve the previous session, indicated likely supportive near-term policy, due to low inflation considerations. A euro zone CPI update released overnight, underscored the issues.

**Base metals** – LME sentiment appeared impacted by a general swing to risk considerations. ECB caution, euro zone and UK data, and questions regarding international co-operation towards growth exacerbated caution.

Earlier yesterday, Japan reported a 13.4% rise in July exports and 16.3% for imports.

#### **Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7889	0.0004	0.05
EUR – USD	1.1721	-0.0003	-0.03

# **US Data Tonight**

Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (prelim) Aug

#### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Property prices	Jun
Germany	Producer prices	Jul

# **Pre-Open Announcements**

# Platinum Capital (\* PMC)

\$49.9M full-year NPAT. \$77.1M investment income. 6c fully franked final dividend.

# iCar Asia (\* ICQ)

\$7.1M full-year net loss, following a \$6.4M loss a year ago. 41% higher, \$4.5M revenue. \$5.26 NTA. \$8.78M cash.

# GDI Property Group (\* GDI)

Selling a Goulburn St, Sydney property for a net \$228M. Details lodged this morning. Settlement anticipated  $\sim$ 19 October. Planning to publish full-year results Monday.

# Capitol Health (\* CAJ)

Planning an ~\$14.4M on-market share buy-back involving up to 52.3M shares

# Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

Full-year results 'quick guide' lodged post-trade yesterday. WES reported pre-trade yesterday.

# **Cedar Woods Properties (CWP)**

CWP has appointed Lenox Hill MD Jane Muirsmith as a non-executive director, effective 2 October.

# Fleetwood Corporation (FWD)

FWD has appointed Norton Rose Fulbright Australia partner Adrienne Parker as a non-executive director, effective 23 August.

#### Resources

# Greenpower Energy (\* GPP)

Nine mineral exploration licences granted in the Northern Territory over territory hosting brine and potash potential.

# **Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Orion Minerals	ORN	18 Aug
Great Western Exploration	GTE	18 Aug
GR Engineering	GNG	18 Aug
iCollege Ltd	ICT	18 Aug
Anatara Lifesciences	ANR	21 Aug
Ardiden Ltd	ADV	21 Aug
Australia Pacific Coal	AQC	21 Aug
Botanix Pharmaceuticals	BOT	21 Aug
Corazon Mining	CZN	21 Aug
Hastings Technology Metals	HAS	21 Aug
Kabuni Ltd	KBU	21 Aug
Lawson Gold	LSN	21 Aug
Sundance Resources	SDL	21 Aug

#### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Azonto Petroleum	APY	21 Jul
BKM Management	BKM	28 Jul
Capital Mining	CMY	14 Aug
Eastern Goldfields	EGS	16 Aug
LWP Technologies	LWP	14 Aug
Manalto Ltd	MTL	28 Jul
Molopo Energy	MPO	27 Jul



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Northern Mining	NMI	1 Aug
Surefire Resources	SRN	1 Aug
ZipTel Ltd	ZIP	11 Aug

### **Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
ANN	Today	~30.22	0	2.59
CL1	Today	2	100	1.65
DDR	Today	4	100	6.40
OML	Today	4.5	100	3.30
DMP	Mon	44.9	50	2.13
BFG	Tue	2	100	8.78
CPU	Tue	19	0	2.60
ISU	Tue	4	100	3.24
PAI	Tue	1	100	0.95
REA	Tue	51	100	1.33
AGL	Wed	50	80	3.75
AMP	Wed	14.5	90	5.53
PGH	Wed	11.5	65	4.21

# **Reports & Events**

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Company	Report/Event
ABP KGN LNK PRY SPK SYD	Full-year Full-year Full-year Full-year Full-year July
APN BPT BSL BXB CDD FMG GDI GMG GOZ GWA IMD NHF	Interim Full-year
ACX BHP CTD GXL ING MND PDN SXY SIQ SYD VRT WSA	Full-year Full-year Full-year Full-year Full-year Full-year Full-year Interim Interim Full-year Full-year
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